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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 8 September 2022 the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal in subject. The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan adopted by the Commission sets out that an initiative on long-term care would be launched in 2022. The Recommendation supports the implementation of Principle 18 of the European Pillar of Social Rights. This principle states that everyone has the right to affordable long-term care services of good quality, in particular home care and community-based services. The Recommendation also contributes to the implementation of Principle 9 on work-life balance for people with care responsibilities and of Principle 17 on inclusion of people with disabilities.

2. The proposal, together with the Commission Care Strategy, was presented by the Commission to the Social Questions Working Party on 8 September 2022. The Working Party examined the proposal at its meetings on 15 and 27 September 2022, 10 and 24 October 2022.
3. Following an informal written consultation concluded on 3 November 2022, the Working Party agreed on the Presidency compromise text.
4. Coreper confirmed the agreement that had been reached on the draft Recommendation (14418/22 ADD 1) and recommended that the Council approves the compromise text after completion of the legal-linguistic revision (doc. 13948/22).

II. CONCLUSION

5. In view of the above, the Council (EPSCO) is invited to adopt the Recommendation on access to affordable high-quality long-term care as set out in 13948/22.
 6. After the Recommendation has been adopted, it will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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